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Sayre, Farm Leader, Dies of Injuries

DES MOINES (AP) — Raymond Sayre, 61, Ackworth, nationally known Iowa farm leader, died Sunday night at a Des Moines hospital following a heart attack.

Sayre, a member of the Federal Farm Credit Board, had been injured seriously May 5 when struck by a falling tree on his farm.

He had been a hospital patient since.

Mrs. Sayre is a member of the National Agricultural Advisory Commission and is president of the Associated County Women of the World.

Active in farm organization work most of his life, Sayre was prominent in the Iowa Farm Bureau and had served as a member of the Omaha Farm Credit Administration board of directors since 1938.

Farm Institute Chairman.

He was 1954 chairman of the National Farm Institute here.

Mr. and Mrs. Sayre recently were awarded honorary degrees by Simpson College, Indianola.

At the time of his injury, Sayre was helping another man cut down a tree.

The tree failed to fall true and it struck Sayre, breaking his right leg in two places.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, William, who operates the farm at Ackworth, and John, a Simpson College student; two daughters, Alice, with the Central Intelligence Agency, Okinawa, and Mrs. George Coolidge, Framingham, Mass., and his mother, Mrs. Mamie Sayre, Indianola.